

DOE Weekly Field Memo – October 28, 2009

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Roots of Success: Effective Practices in Vermont Schools

Audience: All

The Vermont Department of Education, with the help of an advisory panel representing K-12 schools and higher education, studied what it takes for schools—and therefore students, particularly low-income students,—to succeed. A combination of quantitative and qualitative research methods was employed to identify the characteristics common to effective schools. The full hard-copy report is being mailed to all superintendents and principals today, and can be accessed online at <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainpubs.html#success>.

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Requirement: Combined Incident Reporting Software (CIRS)

Audience: Principals

Vermont public schools are required by statute to submit student data to the department in regards to disciplinary incidents that occur in the Vermont schools during the year. The data will be collected through a Microsoft Access software application that can be downloaded from the Department of Education Web site. The required due date is July 1, 2010. A training is tentatively set for the week before Thanksgiving. To download the application and instructions, visit:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_IT/data_collection.html#CIRS .

Contact: For software issues contact the helpdesk at (802) 828-3777. For data questions call (802) 828-3150

Tool: Education Data Warehouse Public Reportal

Audience: All

The Education Data Warehouse holds an array of Vermont education data. To view reports on schools, student achievement and district spending, use the following link to run queries and receive results specific to your interest. Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/data/school_district_su.html to try out this important tool.

Contact: IT Help Desk at (802) 828-3777 or ed-info@state.vt.us

Public Comment: Truancy Protocols

Audience: Superintendents, Principals

The Commissioner of Education posted two truancy protocols, from Chittenden and Rutland counties, on the department's Web site and requested comments on these protocols **before November 6, 2009**. Both protocols call for a community intervention team approach to truancy. The commissioner is requesting comments for the purposes of determining what, if any, recommendations regarding truancy legislation to make to the Legislature by mid-December, as required by Act 44, Sec. 46 (a). As part of this process it is essential to determine if a uniform statewide truancy prevention policy is feasible given regional differences in student population and community resources. We are also interested in other suggestions related to truancy prevention legislation. Comments should be made to Barbara Crippen, Legal Counsel. Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/resources/model_policies.html#comment to view the protocols.

Contact: Barbara Crippen at (802) 828-3135 or barbara.crippen@state.vt.us

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